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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 22, THE 53RD DAY OF THE OFFENSIVE

REF: PHNOM PENH 3243

1. SUMMARY: TAKEO FORCES LINKED-UP WITH A POST ISOLATED EARLIER IN THE WEEK BUT LOST ANOTHER POSITION WHOSE FALL GIVES THE KC ACCESS TO THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL'S AIRFIELD. NO PROGRESS REPORTED IN RESTORING A ROAD CUT TO A BATTALION ON NEAK LUONG'S EASTERN PERIMETER. PRESSURE CONTINUES HEAVY AT THE 7TH DIVISION AREA NORTHWEST OF PHNOM PENH. SIXTEEN ROCKETS HIT AT POCHENTONG WOUNDING NINE PEOPLE. FIVE ROUNDS EXPLODED IN THE NORTHERN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF THE CAPITAL WOUNDING FIVE. END SUMMARY.

2. SIX FRIENDLY COMPANIES CLEARED THE KC FROM AROUND A POSITION ON THE TAKEO PERIMETER ISOLATED EARLIER IN THE WEEK. ANOTHER COMPANY-SIZED POSITION RETREATED LATE FEBRUARY 21, PUTTING THE KC IN RANGE OF TAKEO'S AIRFIELD. PROVINCE FORCES MOVED TO RETAKE THE POST EARLY THIS MORNING.

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3. MORE EXACT INFORMATION ON THE KC ATTACK ON A REFUGEE

CAMP ACROSS THE RIVER FROM KOMPONG CHHNANG IS THAT ONLY  
50 FAMILIES WERE BURNED OUT. FANK AND SELF-DEFENSE  
FORCES LOST 8 KILLED; 17 CIVILIANS DIED. THE KC LOST  
15 MEN KILLED.

4. THE TAKEO TASK FORCE ON ROUTE 1 SOUTHEAST OF PHNOM  
PENH REPORTS ENCOUNTERING MINES - CONSEQUENTLY NO  
PROGRESS. ALONG ROUTE 5 NORTHWEST OF THE CAPITAL, THE  
7TH DIVISION AND NEARBY FIFTH BRIGADE REPORT ATTACKS  
AND ATTACKS BY FIRE.

5. FORCES FROM NEAK LUONG HAVE NOT YET LINKED UP WITH  
A BATTALION CUT OFF ON THE TOWN'S EASTERN PERIMETER.  
GROUND FIRE HIT TWO HELICOPTERS LANDING AT NEAK LUONG  
SLIGHTLY INJURING A PILOT ON EACH CRAFT AND DOING MINOR  
DAMAGE.

6. PHNOM PENH HAD FIVE PEOPLE INJURED FROM FIVE ROUNDS  
WHICH EXPLODED IN THE NORTHERN RESIDENTIAL AREA  
OF THE CAPITAL. SIXTEEN ROUNDS HIT AT POCHENTONG, TWO  
OF THEM ON THE AIRBASE. THE ROCKETS INJURED NINE PEOPLE.  
THREE ROCKETS LANDED IN THE TONLE SAP RIVER NEXT TO  
THE CAPITAL.  
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